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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am writing in regard to the settlement proposal for Microsoft. I believe that the settlement does not go far enough to allow Open Source Operating Systems to fairly compete. There are 2 areas that concern me greatly:

1. File formats under this settlement are still not disclosed. This prevents Open Source applications and operating systems from being compatible. Microsoft will still have a stranglehold on the application software market.
2. The APIs are still not opened up far enough to allow other operating systems to either use products like Microsoft Office natively, or to develop competing, compatible products.

Please reconsider the scope of the proposed settlement, and provide remedies for these problems.

Thank you,

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